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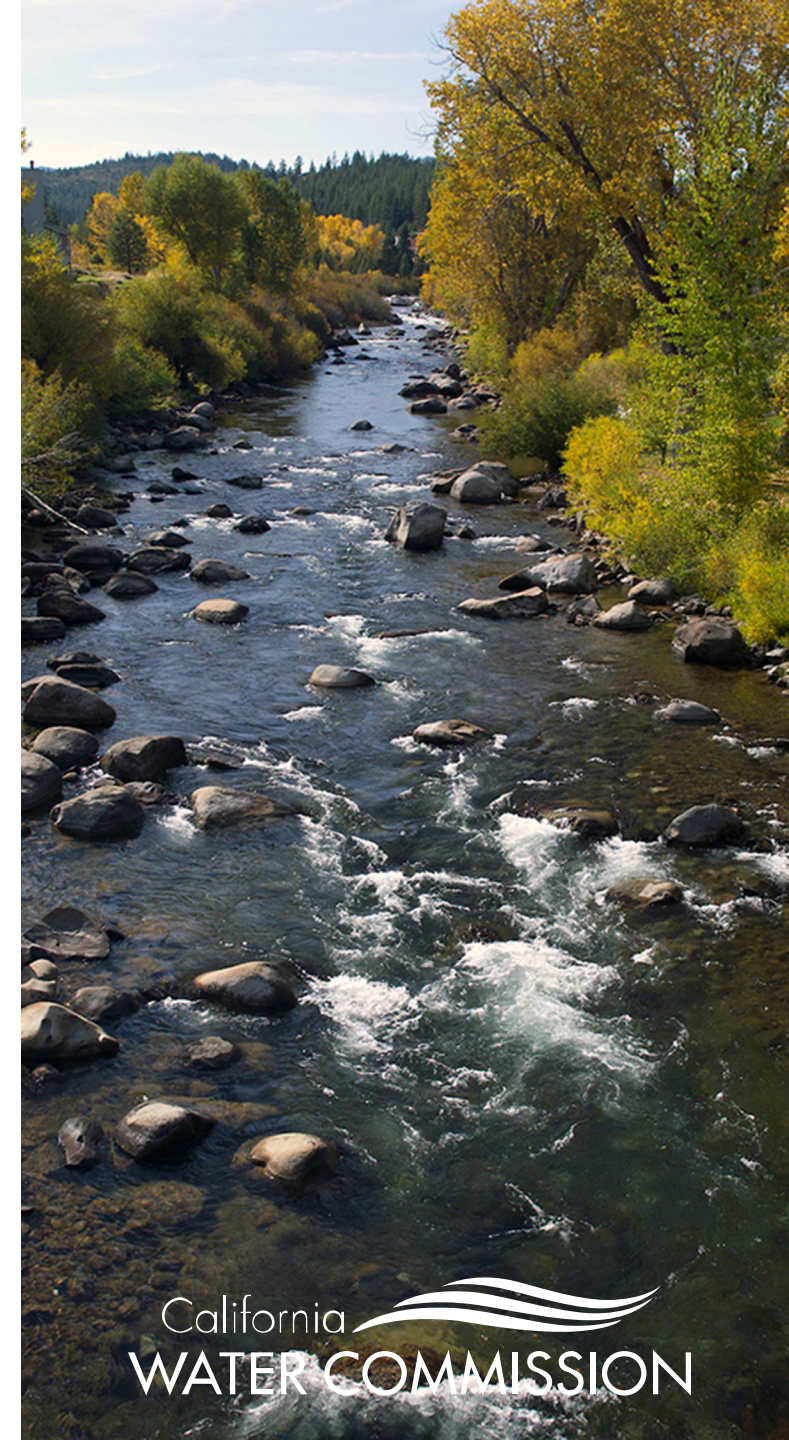
Resilient Conveyance

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Financing Mechanisms & Challenges

What are the advantages and disadvantages (including political challenges) associated with using various funding sources and mechanisms, and how can these mechanisms be applied to promote resilient conveyance projects?

- Current funding
- Innovative funding
- Cost sharing
- Funding challenges



Today's Discussion

Public Financing

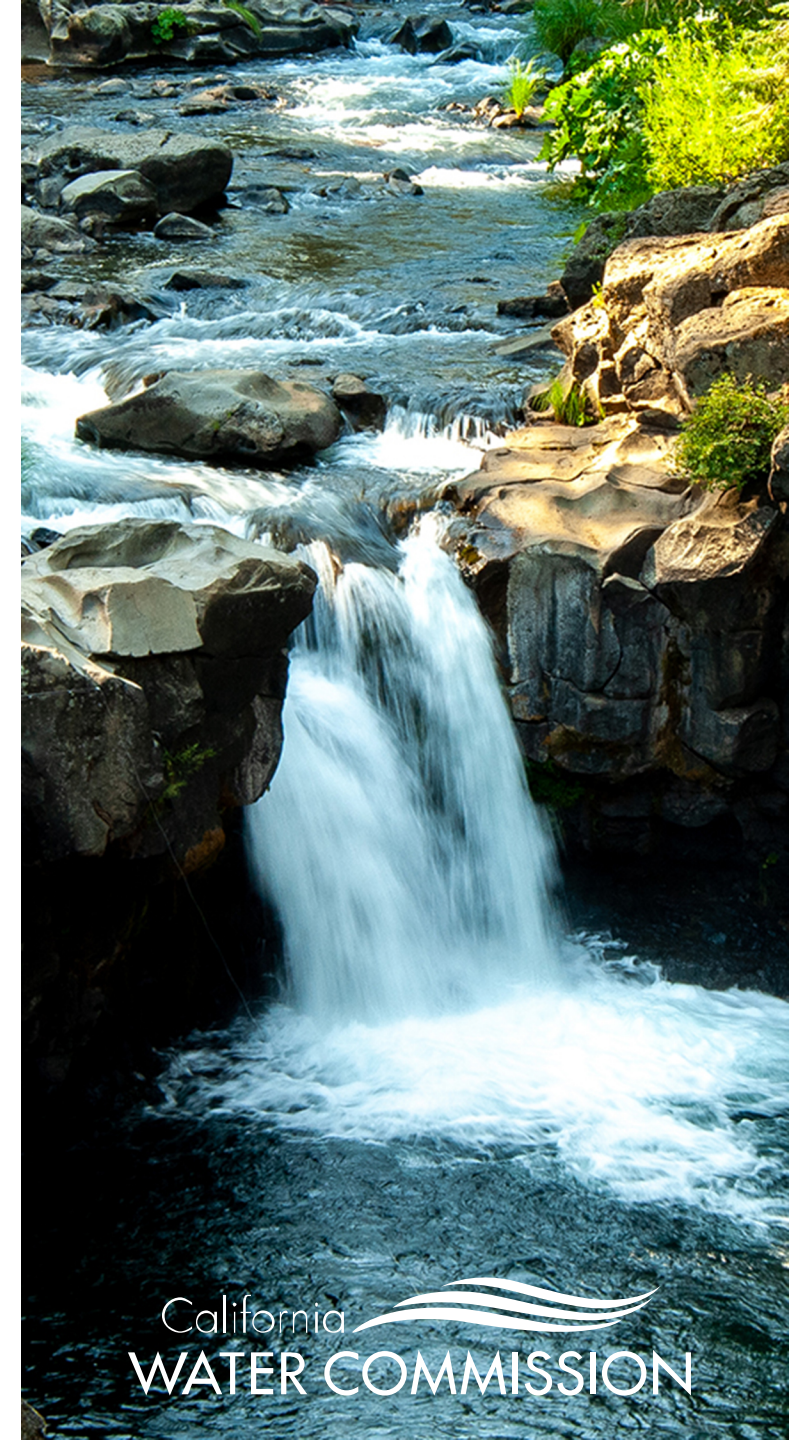
- **Leslie Laudon**, Deputy Director,
Division of Financial Assistance,
State Water Resources Control Board
- **Lina Benedict**, Loan Origination Manager,
California Infrastructure and Economic
Development Bank
- **Richard Welsh**, Principal Deputy Regional Director,
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation



Today's Discussion

Emerging Financing and Financing Challenges

- **Eric Sandler**, Assistant General Manager of Business Services and Chief Financial Officer, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- **Zack Knight**, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Forest
- **Larry J. Kosmont**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Kosmont Companies
- **Caitrin Chappelle**, Associate Director of the Water Policy Center and Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California



Today's Discussion

Practitioners/Commenters

- **Rosemary Menard**, Water Director, City of Santa Cruz
- **Marguerite Patil**, Assistant General Manager Policy and External Affairs, Contra Costa Water District
- **Alexandra Biering**, Government Affairs and Communications Manager, Friant Water Authority



Next Steps

April – Conveyance Issues and Considerations

- Water rights & reduced Delta reliance
- Flood-MAR, green infrastructure, & watershed partnerships

May – Discuss Preliminary Recommendations

June – Approval of Draft Recommendations

